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In re Patent Application of:  
Cuong V. Do

Application No.: 09/847,545

Group Art Unit: 3624

Filed: May 3, 2001

Examiner: O. Akintola

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONDUCTING A BIDDING SESSION**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement and
2. Return receipt postcard.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, under Docket No. 026592.112-US01. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this

application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated May 31, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-14 and 23-46, for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I, claims 1-14 and 23-46, drawn to an apparatus or method for conducting a bidding session comprising the steps of establishing a communication channel between a server and a remote web browser, transmitting status information, receiving a bid and transmitting an update of status information.

Group II, claims 15-22, drawn to a method for conducting a bidding session comprising providing a memory area for storing bidding session-related data, providing security

means for securing bidding session-related data and providing authorized access during a bidding session data.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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